

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 4144

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served July 28, 1993

Application of TRI Q. THAI, Trading)
as VNUSA, for a Certificate of)
Authority -- Irregular Route)
Operations)

Case No. AP-93-22

By application filed July 22, 1993, Tri Q. Thai, trading as VNUSA (VNUSA or applicant), seeks a certificate of authority to transport passengers, together with mail, express and baggage in the same vehicles as passengers, in irregular route operations between points in the Metropolitan District, restricted to transportation in vehicles with a manufacturer's designed seating capacity of 15 or fewer persons, including the driver.

VNUSA's application includes information regarding, among other things, its facilities, proposed tariff, finances, and regulatory compliance record. The application is available for inspection at the office of the Commission during its regular business hours.

VNUSA proposes to commence operations with one 7-passenger van. Applicant's proposed tariff contains an hourly charter rate and a transfer rate from Washington Dulles International Airport to Silver Spring, MD.¹

In determining whether to grant or deny an application for a certificate of authority, the Compact at Title II, Article XI, Section 7 requires that the Commission determine whether an applicant is fit, willing, and able to perform the transportation properly and conform to the provisions of the Compact and the Commission's rules, regulations, and requirements and whether the transportation is consistent with the public interest. Pursuant to Commission Rule No. 6, this order and fulfillment of its requirements will provide notice of VNUSA's application for a certificate of authority.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That Tri Q. Thai, trading as VNUSA, shall publish once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District, no later than Wednesday, August 11, 1993, notice in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission.

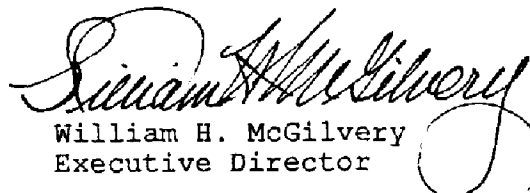
¹It is noted that, as stated, the transfer provision is directional -- from Dulles to Silver Spring. Further, applicant does not define what it means by Silver Spring, either by boundaries or zip codes. If VNUSA would like to amend or clarify its proposed tariff, it should do so within 15 calendar days from the date of this order.

2. That Tri Q. Thai, trading as VNUSA, shall file with the Commission, no later than Wednesday, September 1, 1993, an original and four copies of an affidavit that notice has been published as required in the preceding paragraph.

3. That any person wanting to protest the application, in accordance with Commission Rule No. 13 and Regulation No. 54-04(a), and any person wanting to comment on the application, in accordance with Regulation No. 54-04(a), shall file such protest or comment at the office of the Commission, 1828 L Street, N.W., Suite 703, Washington, DC 20036-5104, no later than Wednesday, September 1, 1993, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such protest or comment on Mr. Tri Q. Thai, trading as VNUSA, 532 Ridgewell Way, Silver Spring, MD 20902-1573.

5. That any person seeking a formal oral hearing on this matter, in accordance with Commission Regulation No. 54-04(b), shall request one no later than Wednesday, September 1, 1993, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such request on Mr. Tri Q. Thai, trading as VNUSA, 532 Ridgewell Way, Silver Spring, MD 20902-1573.

FOR THE COMMISSION:


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